

Committee Members

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AGENDA #1

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A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Miss McCullough, Mr. Monfredo and Chairman O'Connell

Representing Administration were: Dr. Ganas and Dr. Friel

Others in Attendance: D. Crompton, S. O'Connell and D. Shea

gb #2-139 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Colorio (April 11, 2012)

To consider development of a partnership with the Boston Debate League to support academic debate teams in high schools in Worcester.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that the Administration, in conjunction with interested members of the staff, develop a specific proposal for participation of all secondary schools in public speaking related activities including, but not limited to, debate teams, Model Congress, Model UN and Mock Trial and to report back to the Standing Committee in April 2017.

Request that, in the future, the Administration provide backup for the items so the Committee can be prepared prior to the meeting.

Request that the Administration quantify particular costs that are involved in the proposal and any recommendations with regard to cost including transportation.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #5-14 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/Miss Biancheria
(January 7, 2015)

To invite a representative of Tenacity to meet with the Worcester Public Schools, to consider cooperative opportunities to expand the Tenacity Summer Tennis and Reading Program for the benefit of the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

HOLD for a meeting of the Standing Committee in April 2017.

gb #5-244 - Mr. O'Connell/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Miss
Biancheria/Mayor Petty (September 10, 2015)

To review the scores achieved by Worcester students in the Spring 2015 administration of the Advanced Placement examinations, in all courses and at all levels.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the item be held for further discussion in April 2017 and request that the Administration present a plan for implementation of AP Capstone for the 2018 fiscal year and beyond and include a discussion with regard to the cost impact for the next year.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #6-128 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Foley/Miss
McCullough (March 21, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider implementing an advanced academy, based on the Goddard Academy model, at Burncoat Middle School for grade 7 students in either the 2016-17 or 2017-18 academic year which can be expanded to grade 8.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee approve the implementation of a new academy based on the Goddard Academy model at Burncoat Middle School for grade 7 for the 2017-18 academic year.

On a voice vote, motion was approved.

gb #6-128 (continued)

It was moved and voice voted to request that the Administration provide at the next meeting of the Standing Committee background information, copies of course selection sheets, if available, and information including, but not limited to, staffing and budget impacts to consider prior to the FY18 Budget.

gb #6-334 - Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (September 26, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider the feasibility of establishing a citywide girls' ice hockey team.

Mr. Monfredo, Miss McCullough and Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a report at the next Standing Committee meeting as to the costs of establishing a cooperative initiative with other girls' ice hockey programs.

Request that the Administration report as to further developments and progress made with regard to a cooperative girls' ice hockey team in August or September.

Request that the Administration provide information as to students' interest in participating in a girls' ice hockey team and seek assistance from physical education teachers to help with recruitment efforts.

Request that the Administration provide a report in September 2017 with regard to progress made regarding interest in establishing a girl's ice hockey program.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #7-51 - Administration (January 25, 2017)

To consider approval of the following new courses for the 2017 - 18 school year:

High School

- Accounting 1
- AP Seminar
- Document Processing

Middle School

- Chorus
- Dance Ensemble
- Dance for Fitness
- String Orchestra

It was moved and voice voted to approve the item.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee